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TO THE EDITOR OF THE POLYNESIAN.

Sir—The working of the Marine Telegraph having been very much simplified by substituting two arms in the place of the four formerly in use; it has been necessary to have new signal cards printed. You will oblige me by giving notice in your paper, that those who have bought cards previous to the change will be supplied with new ones by returning the former to the P. O., and those desiring new cards will be supplied as before.

I would also state that I am under obligations to Mr. Steward, who for several years was operator at the Telegraph station near Sylvey, N. S. W., for his suggestions in regard to the late improvements.

J. JACKSON.

Honolulu, Aug. 21, 1857.

The Clipper Ship Kamehameha IV.

The fine vessel arrived here on Monday last, in 116 days from Liverpool, fifteen days out of which she was becalmed. She experienced light and contrary winds on her passage, and when off there, good weather. A few days after, she met with two heavy gales, each of twenty-four hours' duration. When off Madeira, the American clipper ship *Eagle Speed*, which the *Kamehameha IV.* left at Liverpool, and which arrived three days after her departure, hove in sight, and shortly came up with her. The *Eagle Speed* was in ballast, bound for Melbourne, N. S. W., and had been favored with good breezes since she left port. The two ships kept company for seventeen days, during which their sailing qualities were well tested by the two commanders, each using every exertion to outstrip the other, but on the morning of the 24th of May, the *Eagle Speed* was left some considerable distance behind, and was not again seen. The *Kamehameha IV.* is furnished with Cunningham's Patent Reefing Apparatus, which have attracted a great deal of attention among our old sea-faring friends on shore. We give the following extract from the Liverpool Telegraph Shipping Gazette respecting them:

"A letter from Captain Powell, of the Steamship *Circassian*, 1235 tons register, dated Liverpool, 17th May, 1857:

"Sir—As I fancy you will be anxious to hear how the Cunningham Patent Topsails answered during the late voyage, which we encountered, I have very great pleasure in stating that they exceeded all my expectations, and that we derived great benefit from them—in one instance when we had to send a man aloft, we reduced our topsails from a close reef with the greatest ease and facility. It had not been lifted, it is impossible to say what the consequence would have been; so severe was the gale at the time, that after being snugly reefed, the canvas was blown in all positions, and both myself and officers could not get Mr. Cunningham's invention should be adopted in all vessels crossing the Atlantic.

"I am, dear sir, yours truly,
"C. POWELL, Commander."
"Young, Esq., Agent for Cunningham's Patent Topsails, Liverpool."

"There are a main topsail yards of the *Circassian* are 15 feet in the slings."

The Captain informs us that two men, with this new machinery, can do the work of sixteen.

The *Kamehameha IV.* is 164 feet long, and 26 feet wide. Her tonnage is 490, but she has on board cargo of 800 tons, probably one of the most valuable ever brought to these Islands, which is being landed in good order. She is a prettily modelled ship, but we are of the opinion her length is too much for her beam. Her stern is round and neat, but her cabin accommodations are small. The Captain also informs us that with a favorable breeze he can easily get out of her twelve miles an hour.

The following is a list of packages she has on board: 30 pkgs. sundries, 8 cases French goods, 6 casks white wine, 5 casks paint, 150 tins linseed oil, 1 case muslin, 55 bales sundries, 13 cases biscuits, 20 cases hardware, 4 pkgs. cottons, 6 cases sundries, 25 pkgs. goods, 150 tierces bottled ale, 50 tierces porter, 100 cases bottled beer, 143 cases wine, 1 pkgs. hose, 2 cases bottled beer, 333 pipes, 2880 and 228 tierces woolens, 30 boxes pipes, 333 bags and 228 tierces blacksmith's coal, 2800 boxes soap, 5 casks, 4 bds. crowbars, 1 cask hammers, 5 casks hardware, 20 boxes tin plates, 200 bds. iron, 20 bds. fencing wire, 6 book safes, 20 tierces ware, 19 pkgs. hardware, 20 wheelbarrows, saddlery, 35 crates and 1 cask earthenware.

Killing no Murder.

We owe an apology to Mr. Jos. Doe, for having announced the termination of a life that may, we hope, be preserved for many years to come. In Honolulu, the old proverb that "what everybody says must be true," seems to have no pith in it; if it had, Mr. Doe would not have been in a state to disabuse the public in regard to his own death. But the *Advertiser*, while correcting us for having raised a cry of condolence where it was not called for, should have remembered the lines—

"He who in quest of silence, 'silence' hoots,
Is apt to make the hubbub he imputes."

In other words, it had no more right to kill Mr. James Shaw than we had to kill Mr. Jos. Doe. We are authorized to state that Mr. James Shaw, who, according to our contemporary, "was thrown from his horse, which trod him under his fore feet, cutting his death," was in town a few days since, and is at this moment just as likely to continue in the flesh as Mr. Doe is. With such a warning before its eyes, and in the very paragraph that held us up to ridicule, the *Advertiser* might have used a little more caution. Knowing how stories grow in and about Honolulu, and wishing to believe that the general rumor, to which we gave additional currency, was founded on some kind of fact, let us suppose that as a cow did not kill Mr. Doe, Mr. Doe, on the occasion referred to, killed a cow. This would account for what a Hibernian might say amounted to taking the wrong bull by the horns.

T. H. Marshall, Esq.

We feel great pleasure in stating that our old and esteemed friend Thos. H. Marshall, has again returned to the islands, to take up a permanent residence among us. We told him on his departure, that he would be glad to come back again, sooner or later. Since, he has candidly confessed the truthfulness of our predictions, we receive him with open arms, and establish him as he was hitherto established, on the top-shelf of our affection and esteem.

Died.

On Thursday, the 18th of June, at his residence in the city of New York, John Neilson, M. D., in the 83d year of his age. Dr. Neilson was a native of New Brunswick, N. J., son of Col. John Neilson, a patriot of the Revolution. Educated at, and a graduate of Princeton College, he came to this city, studied with the elder Dr. Rodgers, and has practised his profession ever since, now over sixty years, being the oldest practitioner in New York. Prompt and energetic in the performance of duty, liberal and unostentatious in his charities, Dr. Neilson has left behind him an example and a name which will long be remembered for Christian philanthropy and benevolence. The funeral services were held in the Reformed Dutch Church on Fourth street and La Fayette Place, where he was a ruling elder.—N. Y. Observer.

[Dr. Neilson was the father of H. A. Neilson, Esq., His Majesty's Private Secretary.]

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